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Pension Application of Richard Barnes (Barnes) R526 VA
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State of Indiana } Hendricks Circuit Court. October 1845
Hendricks County } s.s. On this sixth day of October 1845 personally appeared in open court
before the Court of Hendricks County in the State aforesaid (the same being a court of Record) now
sitting Richard Barnes, a resident of the County of Hendricks and State aforesaid aged eighty-two years,
who, being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to
obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served
as herein stated. he was drafted into the service in the year 1781. does not now recollect the month nor
day thereof and served under Col. Calleway [sic: James Callaway], Capt Owen Rubel [Owen Rubell],
Sargeant Morvetee[?], does not now recollect the names of the other officers, In Henry County in the
State of Virginia where he then lived and was marched by and under said officers from Henry County
through Kings County into Queens County [sic: probably King and Queen County] to Little York in the
State of Virginia, does not recollect the name of the regiment to which he belonged in said State. while at
Little York he saw Generals Washington and Lafayette at which place they viewed the lines or the troops
[siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], & while at Little York and vicinity thereof, there were
occasional fittings between the Soldiers of the United States and those of Great Brittain, some killed and
wounded of both parties but does not now recollect the number killed and wounded he served three
months and received a written discharge and has since lossed his discharge. was discharged only a few
days previous to the surrender of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis; 19 Oct 1781], and immediately after he
was discharged he Volunteered into the service of the United States under Capt Edward Eggleston, and
was marched by him back to Henry County in the State of Virginia and there served as a minit man for
ten months. was in no battles during that time, but was frequently on active duty during said time
marching after the enemy and guarding against there attacks upon the citizens of said County, but did not
attend on the day Capt Eggleston met the troops in said County to receive a written discharge because he
did not suppose at the time that a written discharge would ever be of any use to him although he was duly
notified of the time and place at which he would meet the company. he has no documentary evidence by
which he can prove his aforesaid services of thirteen months, nor does he know of any person now living
by whom he can prove said services that he has applied for a pension twice since the passage of the act of
Congress but failed in both his application because he never before learnt that he was entitled to pay from
the United States for his services rendered as a minute man and therefore did not set it up in either of his
other application

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that
his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State, whatever, and thereupon the Court
propounded the following Interrogatories to the said Richard Barnes. viz 1. Where and in what year were
you born Ans. I was born in the County of Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the year 1763 February
20th

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it; Ans. I have no record of my age but learnt my
age from my Parents previous to their death

3. Where were you living when called into the Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary
war, and where do you now live

Ans. Henry County in the State of Virginia I lived when called into the service, and have lived
since the Revolutionary war in Bottetot [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia Madison County & Pulasky
[sic: Pulaski] County in the State of Kentucky, removed from Kentucky to the State of Indiana in the year
1832. and lived in the Counties of Rush & Shelby in said State and am now living in the County of
Hendricks in said State.

4. How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom.

Ans. I was first drafted into the service and served three months, and after being discharged, I then volunteered and served ten months

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Col. Calaway, Maj. John Waller, Capt Owen Rubel, Seargent Mavetee & Col. Davison. was attached to Col. Davisons Regiment does not now recollect the regiments whether Continentals or State Malitia, and served in the manner above set forth in this declaration under the officers therein named and the periods therein set forth.

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NOTES:

A letter from the Pension Office dated 26 March 1846 provides the rationale for denying Barnes's claim to a pension: "claimant alleges he served three months in 1781 in the Virginia militia and ten months as a minute man, the latter service was a mere neighborhood patrol for the protection of the citizens and affords no ground for a pension and the tour in the militia is not sufficient to entitle him to the provisions of the Act of June 7, 1832." The act of 1832, in fact, makes no exclusion for service as a Minute Man or in patrols against Tories.

In an affidavit supporting the pension application of Jacob Gowen (S32273) in Shelby County IN on 20 Sep 1834, Richard Barnes appears to have signed his own name without the letter e.